

CLAIMS

1. A method comprising:

receiving, at a printing device, an input print media;

stamping, in response to a request from a user to stamp routing information on the input print media, the input media with routing information; and

printing, if no request from the user to stamp routing information on the input print media is received, other content on the input print media, wherein the other content is received from a remote device.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein stamping the input media with routing information comprises printing the routing information on the input print media.

3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein stamping the input media with routing information comprises:

copying the content on the input print media;

outputting the input print media unaltered;

receiving additional input print media; and

printing both the copied content and the routing information on the additional input print media.

4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein stamping the input media with routing information further comprises determining, based at least in part on content already on the input print media, a location where the routing information is to be stamped.

5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein stamping the input media with routing information further comprises determining, based at least in part on routing information previously stamped on other print media, the routing information to be stamped on the input print media.

6. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
generating a stamped electronic copy of the input print media by obtaining an electronic copy of the input print media and adding the routing information to the electronic copy of the input print media; and
communicating the stamped electronic copy to a remote device.

7. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the routing information comprises a tracking number.

8. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the routing information comprises a date.

9. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the routing information comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies the input print media.

10. A system comprising:

a print module configured to output a document having particular content thereon, wherein the particular content to be included on the document is dependent on whether a request to stamp information on the document has been received;

a tracking module coupled to the print module and configured to identify, in response to a received request to stamp information on the document, the information to be stamped on the document and to communicate the identified information to the print module; and

wherein the print module is configured to output, if the request to stamp information on the document has been received, the document with the identified information stamped thereon in addition to any other content already on the document, and otherwise to output the document without the identified information stamped thereon.

11. A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the system comprises a printer.

12. A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the system comprises a multifunction device.

13. A system as recited in claim 10, wherein the print module is further configured to generate a stamped electronic copy of the document, wherein the stamped electronic copy of the document includes the identified information as well as any other content already on the document, and to communicate the stamped electronic copy to a remote device.

14. One or more computer readable media having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that, when executed by one or more controllers of a printing device, causes the one or more controllers to perform acts comprising:

stamping, in response to a request from a user to stamp routing information on input print media received at the printing device, the input media with routing information; and

printing, if no request from the user to stamp routing information on the input print media is received, other content on the input print media, wherein the other content is received from a remote device.

15. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 14, wherein stamping the input media with routing information comprises printing the routing information on the input print media.

16. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 14, wherein stamping the input media with routing information comprises:

copying the content on the input print media;

outputting the input print media unaltered;

receiving additional input print media; and

printing both the copied content and the routing information on the additional input print media.

17. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 14, wherein stamping the input media with routing information further comprises determining, based at least in part on content already on the input print media, a location where the routing information is to be stamped.

18. A printer comprising:

an input path via which print media is received;

a tracking module to identify, in response to a stamp command, information to be automatically stamped on the print media; and

a print module, coupled to receive the identified information from the tracking module and to print the identified information on the print media as the stamp if the stamp command has been received, and otherwise, if the stamp command has not been received, to print, on the print media, other content received from a remote source.

19. A printer as recited in claim 18, wherein the print module is further configured to determine, based at least in part on content already on the print media, a location on the print media where the routing information is to be stamped.

20. A printer as recited in claim 18, wherein the printer further comprises a user-selectable stamp button via which the stamp command can be input to the printer.

21. A printer as recited in claim 18, wherein the stamp command is received from a remote device.

22. A system comprising:

a print module configured to output a document having particular content thereon;

a scan module configured to scan an input document and generate an electronic copy of the input document, wherein the electronic copy represents the content of the input document;

a tracking module coupled to the print module and configured to identify, in response to a request for information to be stamped on a document, the information to be stamped on the document and to communicate the identified information to the print module; and

wherein the print module is configured to receive both the electronic copy of the input document from the scan module and the identified information from the tracking module, and to output a stamped hardcopy of the input document including the content from the input document as well as the identified information.

23. A system as recited in claim 22, wherein the print module is further configured to generate a stamped electronic copy by combining the electronic copy of the input document and the identified information from the tracking module, and wherein the tracking module is further configured to send the electronic copy of the input document to a remote device.

24. A system as recited in claim 22, wherein the system comprises a printer.

25. A system as recited in claim 22, wherein the system comprises a multifunction device.

26. A method comprising:
receiving an input document;
scanning the input document to generate an electronic copy of the input document;
adding a stamp to the electronic copy, the stamp comprising routing information for the document;
printing the stamped electronic copy of the document to generate a hard copy of the document with the stamp;
communicating the stamped electronic copy of the document to another device; and
outputting the input document without additional printing thereon.

27. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the routing information comprises a tracking number.

28. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the routing information comprises a date.

29. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the routing information comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies the document.

30. A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising determining, based at least in part on content already on the input document, a location where the stamp is to be added.